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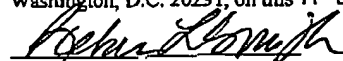
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 12, 2002, setting a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on July 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following replacement "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" in order to comply with the Examiner's objections to the amendments submitted February 25, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.